

REMARKS

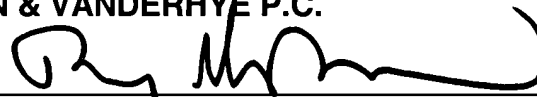
Entry of the above amendments to the specification is requested including insertion of a cross reference to the PCT application upon which the instant U.S. national phase is based. An Abstract of the Disclosure has also been added.

The claims were amended under Article 19 in the international phase and a copy of the published claims is included with the Transmittal Letter. Examination based on the 11 claims submitted under Article 19 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Filtering medium based on activated carbon which is characterized in that it comprises three superposed layers, respectively an inner layer and two outer layers, the inner layer consisting of 80 to 95% by dry weight of activated carbon, the balance for 100% consisting of organic and/or inorganic chemical fibres, the first outer layer comprising from 45 to 95% by dry weight of organic and/or inorganic chemical fibres, the balance for 100% consisting of activated carbon and/or of a material having a density of less than 0.9, the second outer layer comprising from 5 to 25% by dry weight of activated carbon, the balance for 100% consisting of organic and/or inorganic chemical fibres, and in that the weight of the inner layer is between 40 and 200 g/m² and the weight of the outer layers is between 10 and 100 g/m².